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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action of July 2, 2003, applicant has cancelled claims 99-102, 110 and 112-117. The indication that claims 1-9, 11-16, 19-30, 32-60, 62-64, 66-79, 81-91, 93-98, 103-109 and 118-120 are allowed is noted. Cancellation of the remaining claims as indicated above is believed to place the application in an allowable condition.

In Paragraph 1 of the Office Action it was noted that the Substitute Specification filed 24 March 2003 has not been entered because a marked-up copy is lacking. A marked-up copy is enclosed herewith illustrating and comparing the changes in the substitute specification to the specification as originally filed. Entry of the Substitute Specification filed 24 March 2003 is now requested.

It is noted that the IDS of March 6, 2002 and June 20, 2003 have not been acknowledged. The return of the initialized form PTOSB/08A/B and entry into the record of References Cited in the patent when issued is requested.

If there are any inquiries or any matters as yet unresolved, it is requested that the Examiner call the undersigned at 636-683-4508 to discuss their resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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